TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Saturday, 5th August, 1922.

(OFFICIAL REPORT)

The Council met again in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven Thirty of the clock, or Saturday the 5th August, 1922, the President presiding.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President under Standing Order No. 12* —

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table 15 minutes before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner:

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in serial order, specify the serial number of his questions and make a sufficient pause to allow him a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place, if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

ADMISSION OF STUDENTS TO THE JUNIOR INTERMEDIATE CLASS IN H. H. THE MAHA RAJA'S COLLEGE.

56. MR. N. KUMARAN: Will the Government be pleased to state: (*a*) the number of applications received this year for admission to the Junior Intermediate class in His Highness the Maha Raja's College at Trivandrum and the number accepted;

(*b*) whether Government are aware that great dissatisfaction exists in the country owing to the fact that an increasing number of Travancore students are compelled every year to leave the country for securing admission to colleges outside; and

(*c*) whether Government will adopt early measures for avoiding a similar situation next year?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: (*a*) Number of applicants—351. Number accepted (including those admitted and those who joined)—167.

(*b*) Government are aware that difficulty exists in giving admission to all applicants. They are not aware that the number of Travancore students leaving the country to seek admission in colleges outside the State is on the increase.

(*c*) The question of admitting a larger number of students in His Highness the Maha Raja's College is engaging the attention of Government.

ADMISSION OF STUDENTS TO HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHA RAJA'S COLLEGE.

57. MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of students per year since 1912 who have passed the English S. L. C. examination and become eligible for college

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[Mr S. Parameswara Aiyar.]

admission in the several branches of study in His Highness the Maha Raja's College;

(*b*) the number of students admitted in the Junior B. A. and Intermediate classes since 1913 in each of the Government and aided colleges:

(*c*) what provision the Education Department has made to meet the progressive demand of the country for collegiate education;

(*d*) what orders Government have passed in regard to the admission of students to His Highness the Maha Raja's College and whether they will be pleased to place copies of such orders on the table;

(*e*) what has been the strength of the Junior B. A. class in each of the branches of study since 1913;

(*f*) how many students applied for admission to each of the branches since 1913 and how many have been admitted;

(*g*) which is the authority that decides questions of admission, whether the College Council is entitled to be consulted in regard to admissions and, if it is consulted, whether the Principal invariably adheres to its recommendations?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: (*a*) Prior to the year 1916, English School Leaving Certificates did not bear the *enfacement* "eligible for college admission". The number of pupils declared eligible for college admission in the year 1916 and the following years is as follows:

Year.	*Number.*	*Year.*	*Number.*
1916 ...	519	1920 ...	519
1917 ...	458	1921 ...	586
1918 ...	514	1922 ...	1,078
1919 ...	518		

(*b*) The number of students newly admitted in the Junior Intermediate and the Junior B. A. classes of His Highness the Maha Raja's College, Trivandrum, since 1913, is given below:

Year.	*Junior Intermediate Class.*	*Junior B. A. Class.*
1913	... 67	... 38
1914	... 77	... 61
1915	... 86	... 52
1916	... 112	... 73
1917	... 88	... 99
1918	... 98	... 136
1919	... 112	... 139
1920	... 124	... 131
1921	... 121	... 142
1922	... 167	... 159

The number of students admitted into the Junior Intermediate class in the Scott Christian College, Nagercoil, was as follows:

Year.	*Number.*	*Year.*	*Number.*
1913 ...	78	1918 ...	78
1914 ...	92	1919 ...	70

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Year.	Number.	Year.	Number.
1915	80	1920	92
1916	95	1921	65
1917	91	1922	123

The number of students admitted into the Junior Intermediate class in the C. M. S. College, Kottayam, is given below:

Year.	Number.	Year.	Number.
1913	81	1918	81
1914	72	1919	88
1915	51	1920	84
1916	65	1921	90
1917	87	1922	121

In the Union Christian College, Alwaye, which was started during the academic year 1921-1922 and in the St. Berchman's College, Changanachery, which was started in the current academic year, 43 and 118 students respectively were admitted this year to the Junior Intermediate class.

(c) The English High and Middle School classes, which were located in His Highness the Maha Raja's College buildings, were removed elsewhere with a view to provide greater accommodation for college students. The physical and chemical laboratories were extended to increase the accommodation in the respective groups. Various structural alterations were carried out in the existing buildings to enable larger classes being accommodated. In the current academic year, a semi-permanent shed has been constructed for accommodating the Natural Science class newly opened. As a result of all these measures, the accommodation in the College has been increased from 200 in 1903 to nearly 700 at present.

(d) A copy of the order *on the subject is placed on the table.

(e) The strength of the Junior B. A. class in each of the branches of study since 1913 is shown below:—

Year	Group I. Mathematics.	II. A. Physics.	II. B. Chemistry.	V. History.	VI. Languages.	Total.
1913	3	3	2	34	2	44
1914	10	5	5	25	25	70
1915	6	3	3	37	19	68
1916	11	5	3	45	16	80
1917	28	12	8	66	8	122
1918	31	5	14	102	15	167
1919	16	12	23	98	24	173
1920	33	15	24	70	24	166
1921	29	20	24	74	16	163
1922	26	19	26	85	32	188

* *Vide* APPENDIX I—page 736.

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(*f*) The following statement shows the number of students who applied for admission to each of the branches since 1913 and the number admitted. Information as to the number of applicants to the various groups for the year 1919 is not available.

		I.	II. A.	II. B.	V.	VI.
1913	Applied	9	6	8	33	2
	Joined	2	2	1	31	2
1914	Applied	10	6	6	33	19
	Joined	10	5	4	23	19
1915	Applied	4	10	8	57	17
	Joined	2	2	1	33	14
1916	Applied	12	9	6	54	39
	Joined	10	5	4	38	16
1917	Applied	28	19	18	117	21
	Joined	25	11	9	49	5
1918	Applied	32	14	19	153	13
	Joined	24	4	10	89	12
1919	Applied	No information.				
	Joined	13	13	20	75	18
1920	Applied	54	30	52	113	22
	Joined	24	14	17	56	20
1921	Applied	51	25	90	174	31
	Joined	21	18	20	68	15
1922	Applied	32	20	88	106	30
	Joined	20	19	22	74	28

(*g*) The Principal is the authority who decides questions of admissions to the college. The College Council is not entitled to be consulted in the matter. Members of the College Council are, however, consulted by the Principal with regard to admissions, but the Principal does not invariably adhere to their recommendations.

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(*c*) In the interests and exigencies of the service it was not thought desirable to sanction the Chief Engineer's recommendation then.

(*d*) The member is referred to clause 1 of Chapter VIII relating to contracts in the P. W. D. Code. Mr. Arunachalam Aiyar has given no contracts in 1097 contrary to the provisions of the Code or without receiving tenders.

APPENDIX I.

(*Vide* ANSWER TO QUESTION No. 57.)

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHA RAJA OF TRAVANCORE.

Read:—

(1) Representations made at the 11th session of the S. M. P. Assembly by Mr. T. K. Velu Pillai, Member, Trivandrum taluk, *re* the stringency of the rules relating to the admission of students in the Intermediate class of His Highness the Maha Raja's College, Trivandrum, and the desirability of the Government exercising a more effective control over the College Council in the matter.

(2) Letter No. E. 888/321 of 13, dated the 12th March, 1915, to the Director of Public Instruction.

(3) Letter No. 400/1783, dated the 9th April, 1915, from the Director of Public Instruction.

At the eleventh session of the Assembly, Mr. T. K. Velu Pillai, Member, Trivandrum taluk, represented that the large number of young men, who secure the Secondary School Leaving certificate every year, could not gain admission into His Highness the Maha Raja's College, Trivandrum, and have therefore to seek admission in the colleges outside the State. He stated that the standard of efficiency required of students for admission to the Intermediate class in His Highness the Maha Raja's College was being arbitrarily fixed by the College Council. He suggested that the Council should not possess the power of rejecting applications for admission into the College when the percentage of marks secured by the candidates conforms to the standard fixed by the Government or by the University. He added that the Government should exercise a more effective control over the College Council in this matter. The member's representations were forwarded to the Director of Public Instruction for remarks. Dr. Bishop has reported that the University has recently made certain rules to regulate the admission of holders of Secondary School Leaving certificates into the Intermediate class, which, though only recommendations for the ensuing year, are to be binding on the Principals of Colleges later on. In regard to the desirability of the College Council being more effectively controlled, the Director states that the minutes of the meetings of the Council are being duly scrutinised by him.

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ORDER THEREON NO. E. 1762, DATED TRIVANDRUM, 19TH MAY 1915.

His Highness' Government have already issued instructions to the Director of Public Instruction to give preference to applicants who are natives of Travancore in the matter of admission into the Trivandrum College, if they are qualified for the same. The Syndicate of the Madras University has passed rules regulating the admission of holders of Secondary School Leaving certificates into the Intermediate class. The Government trust that there will be no cause for complaint regarding admission into the Trivandrum College hereafter.

(By order)
M. RAJA RAJA VARMA,
Under Secretary to Government.

To

1. Mr. T. K. Velu Pillai, Member, Trivandrum taluk.
2. The Director of Public Instruction.
3. The Gazette.
4. The Press Room.

APPENDIX II.

(*Vide* ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 62.)

The following statement shows the number of days the present Director and his predecessors were out on tour since the creation of that office.

Year.	*Name of Director.*	*No. of days on tour.*
1084 ...	Dr. Mitchell ...	70
1085 ...	Do. ...	78
1086 ...	Do. ...	196
1087 ...	Dr. Mitchal till 24-2-1912 and Dr. Bishop for the remaining period ...	88
	...	10
1088 ...	Dr. Bishop ...	96
1089 ...	Do. ...	37
1090 ...	Do. ...	45
1091 ...	Mr. Hodgson ...	77
1092 ...	Do. ...	88
1093 ...	Do. ...	57
1094 ...	Mr. Hodgson till 20-9-94 and Mr. Stephenson for the remaining period ...	67
1095 ...	Mr. Stephenson till 8-10-95 ...	11
	and Mr. Hodgson for the remaining period...	9
1096 ...	Mr. Hodgson ...	51

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